

Well, I'd oppose the amendment because it, that would do just about nothing from what we can do. The way I read the bill is that all payments pursuant to such lease shall be made from current building funds and general funds so how in the heck do you read in here a bond issue? Now what Omaha has and the rest of your districts, we have, you have your general fund and you also have a building fund which now, in our school district is 4 mills and 10 would make it 6 as I recall, but it has to be paid from those funds so how do you read a bond situation in here. It's your current money that you bring in on your mill levy every year and it has nothing to do with bonds. Now, as far as what Senator Carpenter's amendment does, we're not having much trouble with equipment on the five year--it's the buildings, the equipment, generally you can't get a long term equipment, lease on equipment because it wears out so I don't think there would be too much value in the bill at all if the Carpenter amendment was in the bill. I just can't see it, I'd have to oppose his amendment but before I sit down I'd have to say this, I don't care if it's 20 years or not, make it 12 if that will satisfy you. Twenty years was just picked out of the air. We need more than 5.

**SPEAKER:** Chair recognizes Senator Whitney:

**SENATOR WHITNEY:** Mr. President, I don't think we quite understand what we are doing here. It is my feeling that when we were out to Sidney, Nebraska, for example, the public school discovered there is a lot of mentally retarded boys and girls who live quite a ways away from Sidney, Nebraska, so they have to house these boys and girls during the week and so, they entered into a lease purchase agreement to buy a home and this was in connection with the educational service unit and by doing this they are able to take care of some mentally retarded children apparently that they felt they couldn't handle in any other way, just for the purpose of buying a building and so I would feel that this amendment would simply stop this sort of thing and we need more of such homes throughout the State of Nebraska to take care of the mentally retarded. It might be that they could figure out some other way, I don't know but I don't want to stop this type of program, therefore, I'm against this amendment.

**SPEAKER:** We're still back debating the Carpenter amendment, are you all through debating that amendment. Senator Carpenter, do you care to close on your amendment? Senator Carpenter is now closing on his amendment to L.B. 197.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** Mr. President, this really is quite enlightening. I listened to the argument the other day on Senator Chambers' bill no. 12 which everybody then was concerned about local responsibility, that this body was taking away from the people of Omaha and other areas the right to do what was theirs to do. Now, actually, the sponsor and those who are for the bill admit that the equipment really has no meaning at all. They don't have any problem there now and insofar as equipment is concerned, it doesn't make any difference what the age is, they are going to pay for it anyway whether it's 5, 10, 15 or 20 years, but this bill, my friends, has no limitation dollar wise. There is no limitation at all. They can spend 5, 10 or 15 million dollars. I'd be the first to say to the City of Omaha, the School District of Omaha ought to tear down a lot of buildings and let's get back to the area of local control which is so sacred. I presume the people of Omaha know that. I don't think they all wear blinders down there and if they know it,